

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SANJAY SOOKUL,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	23 Civ. 6293 (LGS)
-against-	:	
	:	<u>ORDER</u>
THE BLACK TUX, INC.,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, the initial pretrial conference in this matter is scheduled for September 20, 2023;

WHEREAS, counsel for Defendant participated in the filing of the joint letter and proposed case management plan but has not filed a notice of appearance;

WHEREAS, no significant issues were raised in the parties' joint letter or proposed case management plan. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that the September 20, 2023, initial pretrial conference is **cancelled**. If the parties believe that a conference would nevertheless be useful, they should inform the court immediately so the conference can be reinstated. The case management plan and scheduling order will issue in a separate order. The parties' attention is particularly directed to the provisions for periodic status letters, and the need for a pre-motion letter to avoid cancellation of the final conference and setting of a trial date. It is further

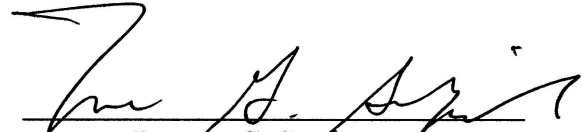
**ORDERED** that if Defendant(s) seek to file a motion to dismiss, they shall file a pre-motion letter pursuant to Individual Rules III.A.1 and III.C.2. It is further

**ORDERED**, regarding settlement discussions, the parties' request for a referral to mediation is **GRANTED**. The referral will issue in a separate order. It is further

**ORDERED** that by **September 15, 2023**, counsel for Defendant shall file a notice of appearance.

The parties should be aware that the Court does not extend the deadlines for fact and expert discovery absent compelling circumstances.

Dated: September 14, 2023  
New York, New York



**LORNA G. SCHOFIELD**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**